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DATE : 09 JUNE 54

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)*

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), SA/PC/DCI (7), WH (8)

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TO: PRITY SLINC INFO: PRITY DIR CITE: SGUAT
PRITY SHERWOOD

RE: A. GUAT 784 (IN 15803)

B. GUAT 786 (IN 15806)

1. SPECIFIC REASONS FOR CURTAILMENT CIVIL LIBERTIES UNKNOWN BUT CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST LIKELIHOOD ACT OF DESPERATION POSSIBLY TRIGGERED BY REAL OR POTENTIAL DEFECTIONS AND CONSEQUENT LOSS UNIFIED ARMY SUPPORT. NOTE EVENTS REPORTED REFS PRECEEDED SUDDEN GOVT ACTION.

2. PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE LARGE SCALE DEFECTIONS WOULD BE SERIOUS BLOW AND REFUTATION GOVT CLAIMS ARMY LOYAL AND NO REGULAR OFFICERS INVOLVED ALLEGED PLOT.

3. HENCE ASSUME RUMORS REFS TRUE AND SUSPENSION LIBERTIES GOVT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT PUBLICITY ABOUT DEFECTIONS AND CONCEAL WEAKNESS, UNCERTAINTY RE MAJOR PROP (IE ARMY).

4. EXPOSURE THIS PREMISE THROUGH NORMAL NEWS CHANNELS NOW IMPOSSIBLE. URGENTLY REQUEST SHERWOOD BROADCAST CONTENTS REF'S AS TRUE FACTS AND PARA 3 ABOVE REASON.

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5. SUGGEST THAT EFFORT BE MADE CONTACT ESODICS AND PREPARE SPECIAL BROADCAST AIMED AT ARMED FORCES.

END OF MESSAGE

* CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

A. A RUN-OFF COPY OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE WAS ISSUED TO MR. JACOB ESTERLINE AT 1830 HOURS, 9 JUNE 54.

B. TREATED AS PBSUCCESS